(e) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to deal with crimes having a federal nature?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) Efforts have been made by the Government for the past several years including by the previous Governments towards setting up of a federal/central investigating agency to enable investigation of selected cases of terrorism that may have inter-State or international linkages and pose a direct threat to the national security and related crimes such as espionage, hijacking, smuggling of arms and Fake Indian Currency Notes from outside the country, etc.

'Police' and 'public order' are listed in the List II of the Seventh schedule to the Constitution of India. Keeping this in view, Government of India is trying to develop a consensus, in consultation with the State Governments, in regard to setting up of a federal/central agency, by way of communications from the Central Government to the State Governments as well as discussions in various meeting such as Chief Ministers' Conference, Chief Secretaries/DsGP meeting etc.. Although most of the States have not favoured setting up of a federal/Central Investigating Agency, and no consensus has yet emerged, efforts to build a consensus continues.

Assistance sought from WB and ADB for Flood Victims

†531. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the head of the task force of Planning Commission has accepted that we are not able to handle the calamity of flood in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the assistance is being sought from the World Bank and Asian Development Bank for rehabilitation of the flood victims; and

(c) if so, the amount of assistance sought and response of both of these institutions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) and (b) No Sir.

According to the information received from the Planning Commission, Chairman of Special Task Force on Bihar, after conducting intensive survey on 11-12 September 2008 of Bihar's five flood affected districts (Supaul, Saharsa, Madhepura, Araria and Purnia), estimated that proper rehabilitation of these five flood affected districts would require funding of Rs.25,000 - 30,000 crore. Considering the large size of funding requirements for rehabilitation, he held the view that multi-lateral funding could be sought.

(c) Planning Commission has not received any proposal from the State Government for external funding.

Terrorists arrested in the country

†532. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(a) the details of the number of incidents of terrorism in the country during the last four years;

(b) the number of terrorists who were arrested in these incidents and those who are still absconding and what are their names; and

(c) out of these arrested terrorists the number of those who were convicted so far and the details with regards to their convictions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) Various parts of the country, *viz.*, Jammu & Kashmir, some states in the North Eastern Region and states affected by Left Wing extremism have, over the past several years, been witnessing violence perpetrated by terrorists, militants, extremists and insurgent groups, an addition there have been periodic incidents of terrorist attacks including bomb blasts etc. in different parts of the hinterland. As per available information, the total number of incidents in Jammu and Kashmir, North Eastern Region and the naxal affect areas during period 2005 to 2008 (upto September) have been: 4930 in 2005, 4542 in 2006, 4146 in 2007 and 2841 in 2008 (up to September).

Some of the major incidents of terrorist attacks at places in hinterland include attack in Ayodhya, blasts in Shramjeevi Express at Jaunpur, serial bomb blasts in Delhi, and attack on Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore in 2005; blasts in Varanasi, Mumbai and Malegaon in 2006; blasts in the Samjhauta Express near Panipat, Mecca Masjid in Hyderabad, Lumbini Park & Gokul Chat Bhandar in Hyderabad, Ajmer Sharif, Shringar Cinema Hall, Ludhiana and in local Court premises at Varanasi, Faizabad and Lucknow in 2007; and attack in Rampur (UP) and blasts in Jaipur, Bengaluru, Ahmedabad, Delhi, Modasa (Gujarat) and Malegaon (Maharashtra) in 2008 (up to 30 September).

'Public Order' being a State subject, the incident-wise details of investigation, prosecution, arrests, including identity of the arrested persons and those absconding, conviction etc. are not centrally compiled or maintained.

World Congress on Disaster Management

533. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the first World Congress on Disaster Management will be held in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that disasters such as earthquake, tsunami, cyclones, floods, landslides, droughts are likely to come up for discussion; and

(d) if so, what measures Government would suggest to meet the post disasters requirements which are frequently occurring especially in the East and West Godavari districts and some coastal areas like Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and to prevent human loss and contain suffering of poor living in low lying areas and in coastal belt?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Yes, Sir.